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1. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON JAN 15 THAT JAN CHOWANIEC, WHO IS SENIOR ADVISOR FOR TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT III (WESTERN HEMISPHERE) OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN NAMED HEAD OF THE POLISH WORKING GROUP. MINISTRY STATED OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE FRANCISZEK WALICKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND FINANCE, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND EDWARD MATVJA, VICE DIRECTOR, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT MINISTRY OF FINANCE. MATYJA PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING AD REFERENDUM TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP DURING STEVER VISIT.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH CHOWANIEC ON SAME DAY, EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY REPORTED PREFERENCE OF US
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FEB 4 AT WARSAW. CHOWNAIEC SAID POLISH SIDE WAS VERY PLEASED BY THIS PROPOSAL AND HE WISHED, THEREFORE, TO CONFIRM POLISH ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SUGGESTED TIMING AND VENUE. PLEASE ADVISE ETA WARSAW US MEMBERS WORKING GROUP.

3. CHOWANIEC ALSO SAID HE WAS COMPLETING PREPARATION OF PAPER OUTLINING THE BASIC POINTS OF THE POLISH POSITION, IN PARTI IN THE LIGHT OF POINTS RECIEVED FROM EMBASSY (LETTER TO MINISTRY OF SCIENCE CONTAINING MATERIAL IN STATE 248142.) HE SAID WE SHOULD HAVE PAPER WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, AT WHICH TIME WE MIGHT HAVE INFORMAL DISUCSSION. AS REQUESTED, EMBASSY WILL REPORT POLISH VIEWS AS SOON AS THIS MATERIAL IS RECEIVED.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CHOWANIEC DID NOT TAKE PART IN SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW SESSION AT JABLONNA IN EARLY DECEMBER, HE WAS PRESENT DURING DR. STEVER'S MEETING WITH MFA VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI AND SINCE THEN HAS SHOWN HIGH INTEREST DURING INFORMAL CONTACTS ON WORKING GROUP. FUTTHERMORE, FROM HIS PAST WORK IN THE MFA, MFT, AND AT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, HE IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE HISTORY AND DETAINLS OF POLISH PL-480 AGREEMENTS AND RELATED FINANCIAL ISSUES. OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM OVER MANY YEARS HAVE SHOWN HIM TO BE INTELLIGENT, MODERATE, AND APPROACHABLE. END COMMENT.

5. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT ESSENTAIL THAT SCIATT BE MADE FULL MEMBER OF WORKING GROUP AND PARTICIPATE IN SESSIONS HELD IN WARSAW AND WASHINGTON. IF DEPARTMENTAL TRAVEL SITUATION DOES NOT IMPROVE, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE POSSIBILITY FUNDING THROUGH PL-480 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OBLIGATIONS OF HEW OR OTHER AGENCIES.
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